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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas. Retail movement was fair to moderate, at times better where ads were active. Food service was light to moderate with best movement into fast food channels and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Wings were balanced to tight and remained in the best position. Breast items were adequate to readily available, but inquiries were being made for bone-in and boneless skinless. Dark meat was at least adequate with boneless cuts better balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 70.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.25 cents last year on January 12, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	137.50
BREASTS - B/S	107.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	27.50
WINGS	93.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best where featured. Food service demand was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and into sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, best for wings which were close to tight and in the strongest position. Breast items and dark meat cuts were readily available to more manageable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings varied and were noted as at least adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to tight. Breast items were at least adequate and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone remained steady on whole broiler/fryers. Trade interest was spotty for the moderate offerings. Fill-in noted on 3 up wogs at 49 cents into the Chicago area. Retail and food service demand was irregular and tapering overall with retail features, sports bars and some fast food restaurants creating best movement. Floor stocks were in balance to long; weights desirable. Parts trade was active on wings which were in tight supply; boneless dark meat was clearing at a moderate to fairly good pace on closely balanced supplies; bone-in dark meat cuts and breast items were seeing light to instances moderate clearance on moderate to ample supplies. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady on boneless dark meat and steady to weak on the balance.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample, fully adequate overall, for current trade needs. Availability of WOG sizes were mixed with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was fairly good, with best interest noted where store ads and fast food specials in progress. Floor stocks were generally adequate. The market tone was about steady with wings and bone-in breast in the strongest position.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 7, 2006. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 7, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 01/07/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,539	210,232	+02
CHICKS PLACED	175,389	173,466	+01

Source: USDA, NASS

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Feb-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 160.6 million head the previous week and to 162.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.37 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	760	82.00-148.00	-	89.96
TENDERLOINS	328	72.00-139.00	-	79.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	152	52.00-63.00	53-55	56.41
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	263	29.00-48.00	30-32	31.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-25.00	20-21	20.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,149	20.00-30.00	22-24	23.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	84.00-92.00	84-88	87.18
WINGS (CUT)	110	108.00-115.00	106-109	111.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
34.50-38.00	35.72

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	715	83.00-155.00	84-88	92.00
TENDERLOINS	253	75.00-138.00	-	82.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	201	30.00-48.00	31-33	32.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	18.00-25.00	20-21	20.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,069	20.00-30.00	22-24	23.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	796	87.00-95.00	90-93	91.93
WINGS (CUT)	335	102.00-111.00	108-110	108.00
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00-39.50	36.33	36.30

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity ranged light to no better than moderate. Offerings of breast items were improved slightly from previous week but still noted as at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were in good balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; no better than steady for breast cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	95.51	770,440
TENDERLOINS	90-95	90.07	134,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	64.83	90,580
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	48.75	72,000
LEGS	39-40	44.94	255,620
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.57	258,960
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.00	108,190
THIGHS	32-33	40.10	60,640
B/S THIGHS	99-100	96.62	103,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	92.00	189,940
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	9,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	44.88	12,100
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.06	16,640

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	98.19	687,040
TENDERLOINS	90-95	93.99	171,060
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	57.47	48,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	49.29	63,000
LEGS	39-40	38.08	285,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.58	281,000
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.04	85,400
THIGHS	32-33	38.69	69,760
B/S THIGHS	99-100	93.34	86,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	92.60	224,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.40	22,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	47.47	16,023
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.89	21,560

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## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
Alabama	4,090	4,117	5.44	4,006	5.00
Arkansas	5,358	5,377	5.37	5,314	(A)
Delmarva	2,300	2,346	5.78	2,296	6.62
KY-LA-TN	2,225	2,296	5.17	2,291	4.60
Mississippi	2,836	2,809	5.71	2,953	(A)
North Car	2,600	2,614	5.92	2,541	(A)
Texas	2,511	2,721	5.96	2,532	5.17
Total	21,920	22,280	5.61	21,933	5.20
Mon-Wed	66,272(B)			50,891(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jan-06 is estimated to be 32,795,000 head down 0.36 percent from a week ago and up 6.23 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,913,000, last year 30,872,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Jan-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	01/14/06 (1)	01/07/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	154,042 (2)	165,513
Light hens	1,578	1,283
Heavy hens	1,316	1,370
Total	156,936	168,166

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jan-06 is 154.6 million head compared to 161.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.4 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 21-Jan-06 the estimated available is 156.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 01/09/06	35,592	65,091
AM 01/01/06	31,772	67,392
CHG	3,820	-2,301
PCT CHG	12	-3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	01/09/06	01/02/06	01/10/05	01/09/06	01/02/06	01/10/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	457	309	906	5,575	5,280	7,215
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	54	39	49	3,113	3,009	3,674

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2006

		<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-86

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 1/10/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.05	.61	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	2.05	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.40	.36	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.30	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.30	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.50	1.00	DUCKS ea.	-	3.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.35	1.11	RABBITS ea.	1.00	2.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.75	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	80						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 6, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	42.99	120.37	94.58	8.60	4.30	55.89
High	66.64	124.67	103.18	12.90	8.60	55.89
Mostly	42.99	120.37	98.88	8.60	4.30	55.89

**SAN JUAN**

Low	42.99	111.78	98.88	8.60	4.30	55.89
High	64.49	124.67	103.18	12.90	8.60	55.89
Mostly	42.99	111.78	98.88	8.60	4.30	55.89

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	38.69	103.18	94.58	8.60	4.30	55.89
High	64.49	107.48	98.88	12.90	8.60	55.89
Mostly	42.99	103.18	94.58	8.60	4.30	55.89

**BECERRA**

Low	42.99	124.67	103.18	12.90	4.30	58.04
High	68.79	124.67	107.48	17.20	8.60	58.04
Mostly	42.99	124.67	103.18	12.90	4.30	58.04

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to fairly good. Offerings varied by size and were at least adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment remained mostly steady. In the parts complex, inquiry continued to build for boneless/skinless and particularly bone-in breasts; supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were generally well cleared. Leg items were irregularly balanced and at least adequate overall.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

51-73  
(A)  
(A)

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